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A History of Fathers...



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Vulcanized Rubber

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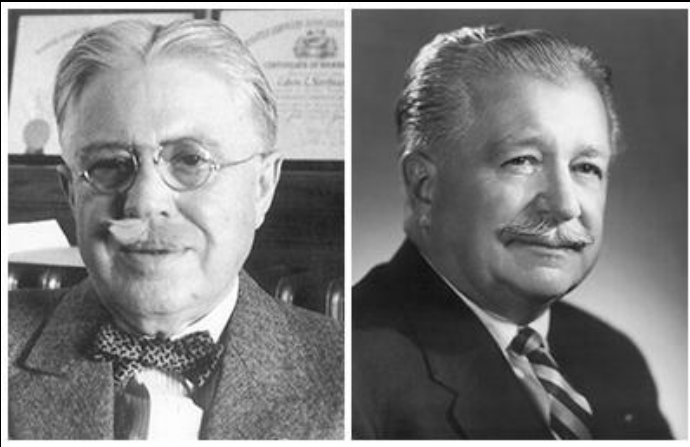
The development of the vulcanization process by Charles Goodyear allowed natural rubber to be converted into a durable material that is widely used in modern products today.

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The Father of Vulcanized Rubber

Charles Goodyear (December 18, 1800 - July 1, 1860) was an American self-taught chemist and manufacturing engineer who developed **vulcanized rubber**, for which he received patent number 3633 from the United States



RK's Founding Fathers

Ludwig Korfmann, founder and President from 1908-1941 and Calvin Korfmann, President from 1941-1967; were both industry visionaries and members of the cool mustache club. [Read more.](#)



RK's General Manager and Latest Grandpa

Dell Gutknecht, along with his sons, daughter, and baby granddaughter continue the tradition of a family run business steeped in pride ever delivering high quality craftsmanship. [\(April 7th FB post\)](#)



RK's Guiding Father

Don Gutknecht, owner and President from 1967-present; built The RK rubber business and an impressive family tree. [Read more.](#)





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